

WI-459  
Uriah W. Dickerson House  
Salisbury  
Private

1912

The Uriah W. Dickerson house stands prominently on the corner of North Division and East Isabella streets in the heart of the Newtown Historic District. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay Colonial Revival house was executed in finely made pressed brick with narrowly laid butter joints, jack arches, and stone lintels and keystones. Elevated on a raised foundation, the center hall main block is enhanced with neoclassical Tuscan columned porches and a bold block cornice that trims the perimeter of the roof.

Uriah W. Dickerson, described in 1907 as one of Salisbury's "substantial business men," purchased this corner lot in March 1907, and he and his family occupied the two-story Victorian frame dwelling that stood on the lot. Five years later the *Salisbury Advertiser* announced on February 12 that

*Mr. U. W. Dickerson has about completed the plans for a handsome new brick residence. The house in which he now resides will be moved to the rear of the lot facing Isabella Street and the new house will be built on the corner of Division and Isabella Streets. Mr. Jay Williams, we understand, will build an up to date brick residence on the adjoining lot this spring. These two residences will be quite an addition to the many beautiful homes on North Division Street.*

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-459

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Uriah W. Dickerson House

other J. McFadden Dick House

### 2. Location

street and number 407 North Division Street not for publication

city, town Salisbury, Maryland 21801 vicinity

county Wicomico

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Harry H. and Ellen McC Suber

street and number 407 North Division Street telephone

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map 107, Parcel 676

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 804 folio 93

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

\* **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary		Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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### 7. Description

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#### Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
*	good	ruins
-	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Uriah W. Dickerson house, also known as the J. McFaddin Dick house, stands at 407 North Division Street on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Division and East Isabella streets in the center of the Newtown Historic District, Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay brick house faces west with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1912, the two-and-a-half story, five-bay, center hall brick dwelling is supported on a raised foundation with an excavated cellar. Pressed brick stretcher bond walls with narrow butter joints rise on each elevation to steeply pitched gable roofs sheathed in slate. Attached to the south end of the main block is a two-story, one-bay wing, and to the rear is a two-story brick wing.

The west (main) elevation of the principal block is a symmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-one sash windows. The four-panel front door is flanked by Tuscan columns and four-light sidelights with a jack arch spanning the entire opening. Jack arches with stone keystones span the adjacent window openings as well. Much of the first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan columned hip roof porch. The porch roof is supported by a combination of square paneled and round columns with a heavy handrail between the columns. The second floor is defined by an even fenestration. The center bay is marked by a nine-over-one sash window and flanking single-pane sash windows, and nine-over-one sash windows mark the rest of the openings. Stretching across the base of the roof is a heavy block cornice. The roof is marked by a series of pediment front dormers filled with six-over-one sash windows. The window sash are flanked by narrow pilasters, and the sides of each dormer are covered with slate.

The north gable end is two bays across with a chimney rising through the center of the extended eave. A single story neoclassical porch shelters the first floor, which is defined by a pair of glazed double doors. Nine-over-one sash windows light the second story, and smaller sash pierce the gable end to each side of the chimney stack.

The south gable end of the main block is partially covered by the two-story, one-bay brick wing. Fitted in the southwest corner of the house is a single-story, single-bay neoclassical porch. Attached to the back of the main block is two-story service wing.

The interior was not seen.

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### 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
x 1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates 1912

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Uriah W. Dickerson purchased this corner lot in March 1907, however construction of this impressive brick dwelling did not occur until five years later. In the February 12, 1912 issue of the *Salisbury Advertiser*, the newspaper announced that

*Mr. U. W. Dickerson has about completed the plans for a handsome new brick residence. The house in which he now resides will be moved to the rear of the lot facing Isabella Street and the new house will be built on the corner of Division and Isabella Streets. Mr. Jay Williams, we understand, will build an up to date brick residence on the adjoining lot this spring. These two residences will be quite an addition to the many beautiful homes on North Division Street.<sup>1</sup>*

<sup>1</sup> *Salisbury Advertiser*, February 12, 1912

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<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 117/482, 15 April 1920.

<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, 323/559, 13 May 1950.

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### HISTORIC CONTEXT:

#### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: House

Historic Environment: Residential District

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name Salisbury

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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407 North Division Street  
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 107, Parcel 676

804/93

C. Gregory Truitt

to

11/7/1973

Harry H. Suber  
Ellen McC Suber

Will Book  
JAH 8/59

Last will and testament of  
Josephine E. Truitt

to

11/7/1958

C. Gregory Truitt

JWTS  
318/409

Boyd E. McLernon  
Nancy K. McLernon

to

7/11/1950

William T. Truitt  
Josephine E. Truitt

323/559

J. McFaddin Dick, Jr. et al.

to

5/13/1950

Boyd E. McLernon



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Two deeds to J. McFaddin Dick

1. from Uriah W. Dickerson, 4/15/1920, JCK 117/482
2. from Uriah W. Dickerson, 7/10/1923, JCK 130/307

JCK 117/482

Uriah W. Dickerson  
Mary P. Dickerson

to

4/15/1920

J. McFaddin Dick

EAT 53/507

L. Gordon Hooper

to

3/21/1907

Uriah W. Dickerson  
\$1,500 and assumptin of a mortgage, EAT 51/364

JTT 34/140

L. Gordon Hooper

to

11/11/1902

Willie R. Records  
Parcel division, parcel on east side of corner lot--and being a part of  
the same land that L. Gordon Hooper inherited from his mother  
Margaret A. Humphreys, be being her sole heir at law

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SPT 7/77

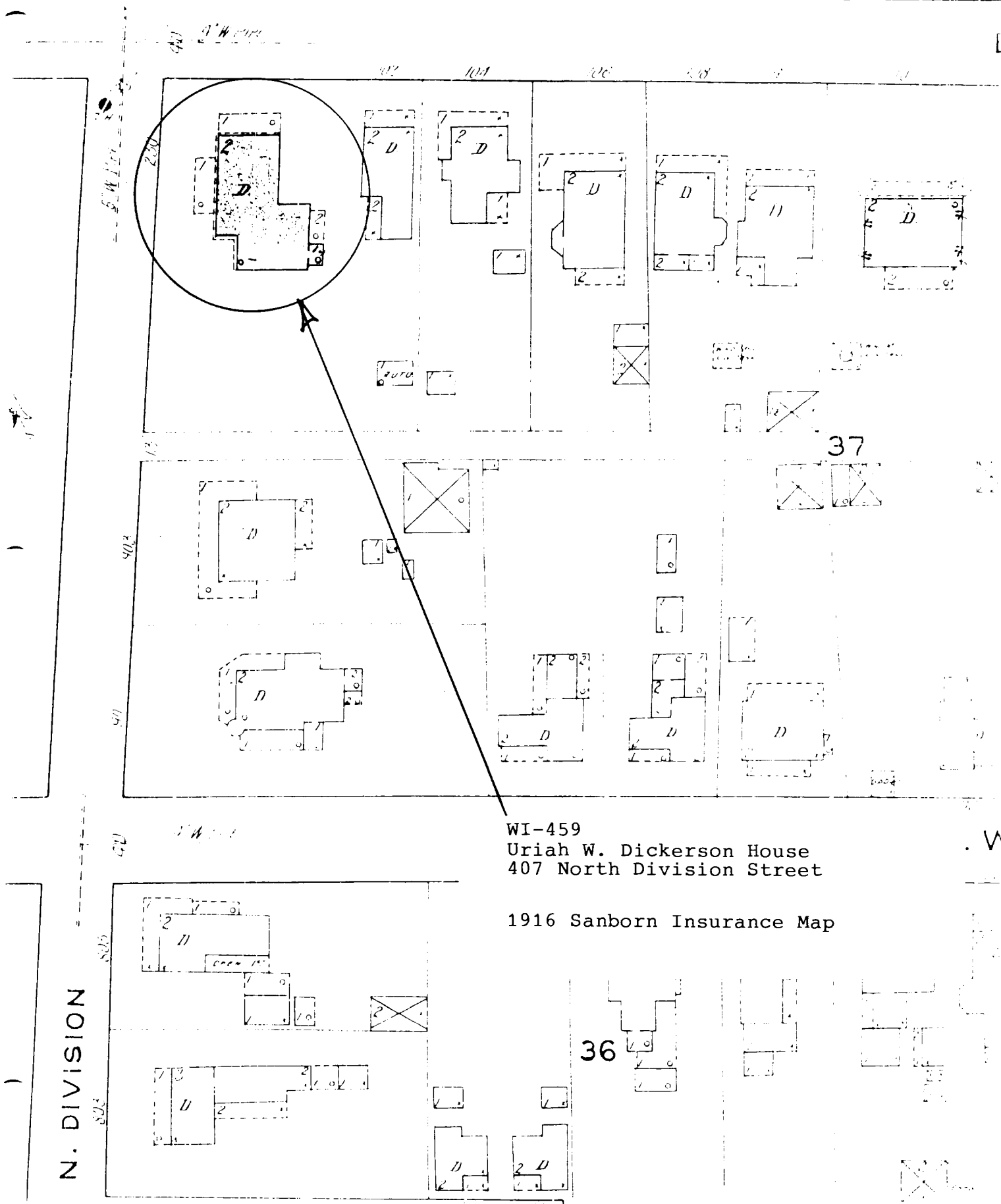
Priscilla A. Messick (Mezick)  
George W. Messick

to

11/14/1884

Margaret W. Humphreys  
\$2,500 formerly belonging to Julia A. Wood and conveyed by  
Thomas Humphreys her trustee to the said Priscilla A. Messick,





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HEBRON

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

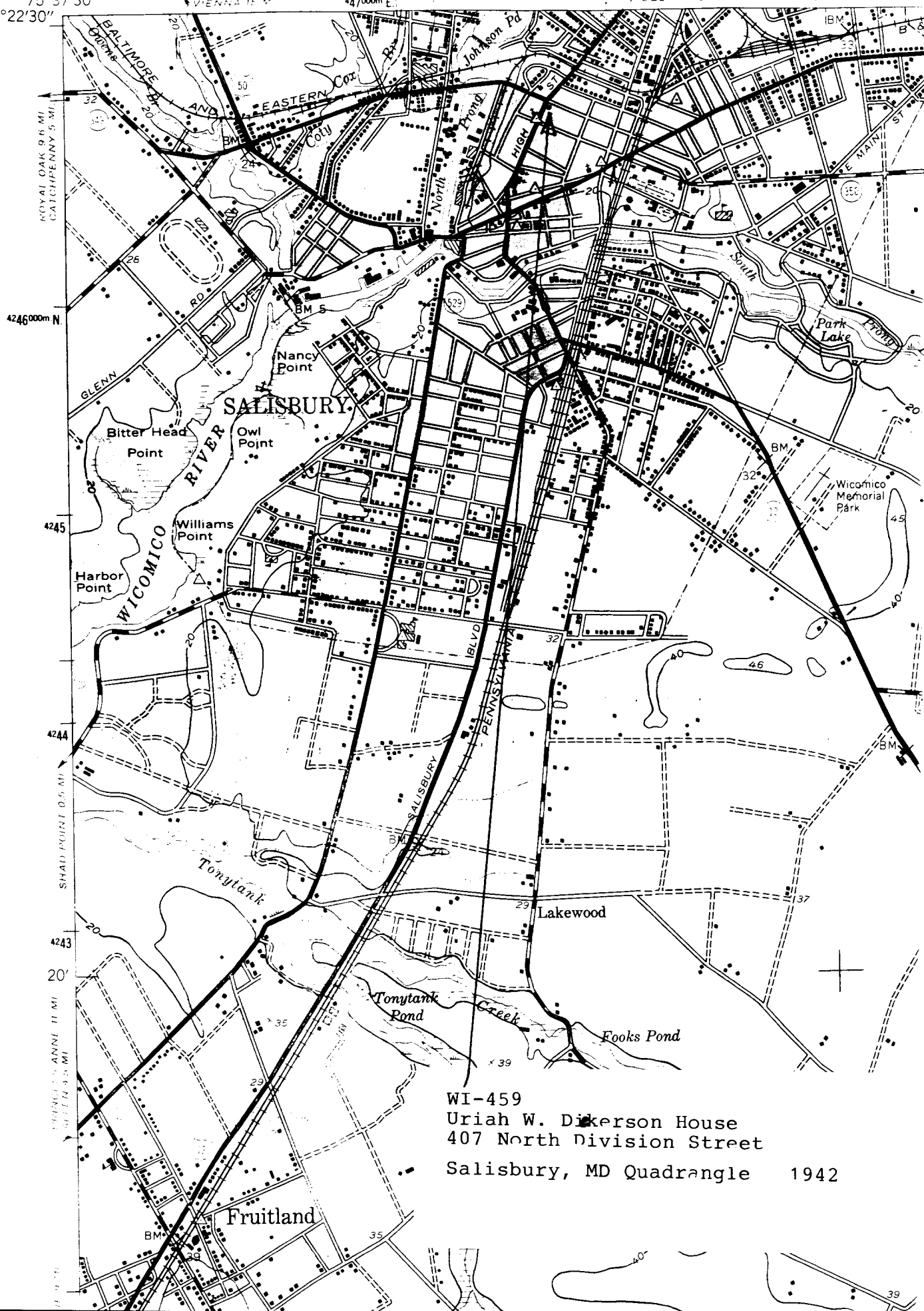
75°37'30"  
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI  
VIENNA 15 MI

447000m E

LAUREL 13 MI  
DELMAR 6 MI

35'



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Uriah W. Dickerson House  
407 North Division Street  
Salisbury, MD Quadrangle 1942









Wk = 499

Wk 100 Mr. Thompson

February 10, 1910

Southwest

2/2 1910, Paul Thompson

Nov. 1910

2 0 3



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Walter W. DICKENS, House

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

November 15, 1900

3/2 x 50, per Fairmount, etc.

New York Historical Society

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